

**State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Improvement Project - Rancho del Oso (near Hwy #1),  
**LOCATION:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park. **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Improve and upgrade an existing water system at Rancho del Oso at Big Basin Redwoods State Park to comply with California Department of Health Services regulations. Project will re-activate an existing well, replace two 500 gallon concrete storage tanks with two 5000 gallon poly storage tanks, replace existing water main system, upgrade distribution and associated electrical systems and install fencing to secure treatment and storage facilities. One, 4-inch and one, 2-inch fire hydrant will be installed for fire protection purposes. Project supports visitor services and safety.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Santa Cruz District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section: )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1,3      Section: 15301, 15303

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the repair and maintenance of existing public facilities (water main, distribution system and electrical system) involving negligible expansion of use and included as "utility upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4 and the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities and includes "fencing and above-ground water tanks" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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